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REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 8-27 will continue to be pending with claim 10 being the only claim which will have been amended.

This Amendment is being filed subsequent to the mailing of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. The purpose of the amendment to claim 10 is simply to correct an inadvertent clerical error in the translation of the German language International application from which the present application is a U.S. National Phase application. More specifically, the Examiner's attention is directed to claim 2 of International application PCT/EP00/02395, which recites a 30% value. However, claim 2 of the literal translation of the International application as filed on October 5, 2001, had a typographical error in that the specified value appeared as 50%. As the Examiner is well aware, the translation of the International application when entering the U.S. National Phase must be a literal translation. Thus, the change from 30% to 50% was clearly a clerical error. This error carried forward to subsequent revisions of the claims. Thus, claim 10 as allowed by the Examiner, included this error of reciting a 50% value, rather than a 30% value.

The instant Amendment does not raise any new issues, since a value of less than 30% as claim 10 now reads is clearly encompassed within the less than 50% value recited in the claim allowed by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to approve entry of the

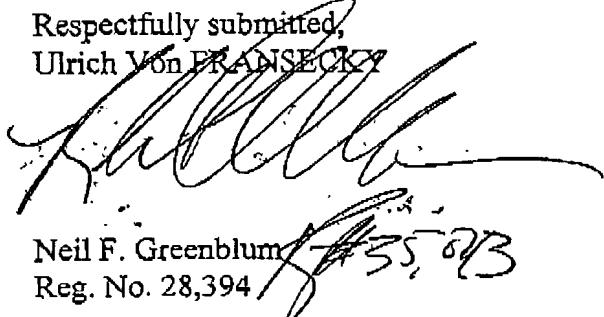
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instant Amendment in order to correct an obvious clerical error.

While this Amendment is not believed to require a fee, please charge any additional fees necessary for consideration of the papers filed herein and refund excess payments to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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Attachment: Copy of claim 2 as it appears on page 5 of the translation of the application
Copy of claim 2 as it appears on page 5 of the International application